

Dramatic steals in the game of inches

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King Curling Club

One of the most wild back-and-forth exchanges in King curling took place during the club's Wednesday night league after the scoreboard revealed some very enormous counts.

Observers were treated to an exciting match between Teams Wasylikiw and Broadhurst that took the full round to determine the winner. Skip Ian Broadhurst and his team of Pat Schneider, and Cheryl and Dean Teasdale claimed the first end with a steal of two, then followed with an astounding five-point steal in the next end to blast into a 7-0 lead after two ends. Skip Peter Wasylikiw didn't falter for a moment as the lop-sided scoreboard stared back at him in the face. His team of Cameron and Ginny Ross and Kim Kotell remained rock solid as they sharpened their brooms and re-bounded in the third by collecting a sizable six-rock count to take the end. A steal of one more by Wasylikiw in the fourth closed the gap completely, bringing the game to a tie. Wasylikiw wasn't finished. The team went on to steal another in the fifth, taking the lead for the first time and moving the score to 8-7. Pressure mounted for both skips while they clearly depended on their team to set up the house in their favour for the closing ends of the contest. Skip Broadhurst's final stone in the sixth left him with a draw and a chance to tie the game. The game of inches prevailed as Broadhurst's last rock came up inches short, offering Team Wasylikiw the win after his team claimed yet another two for a well-deserved 10-7 win.

Both teams, equally matched in their performance, delivered an exciting game that once again solidifies that one should never give up.?

King's youth report

The Youth program that takes over the sheets of King both Wednesday and Thursday (there are a few spots open), and Sunday afternoons (which has doubled in membership), have filled their leagues with enthusiastic Little Rockers and bantam curlers. If the enrolment as well as the energetic desire to learn and conquer is any indication of the future of the club, then the outlook is more than promising for future stars.

A busy schedule is planned this year, as some of the bantam and junior curlers will be participating in the Toronto Curling Association Interclub League. The King team will play two weeks of every month at different clubs such as Thornhill, Brampton, Oakville, Chinguacousy, High Park and Weston. The grand finale will take place in April, hosted by the Dixie Curling Club. Exhibition games are also planned with neighbouring clubs, as well as invitational bonspiels throughout the season. The well-received Shamrock Bonspiel hosted by King Curling will once again be held in March, featuring a draw for both Little Rocks and bantam players. These young curling stars will undoubtedly thrill the spectators with their doubles and draw to the button shots as they enjoy a season full of exciting curling. King Curling sends good luck and wishes the youth program great success in their 2014-15 bonspiels.